

ESPADAS MEN SUE FOR PEACE

General Chamorro of the Nicaraguan Insurgents is Anxious to Reopen Peace Negotiations.

Bombardment of Matagalpa Opened and Abandoned Yesterday—Progress of Fighting.

Managua, Feb. 14.—Heavy field guns posted on the hills by the Madrid forces, yesterday began a bombardment of Matagalpa, which on February 10, was taken by the revolutionaries under General Chamorro. Prior to the bombardment, the government notified the American consular agent at that city, William H. de Savigny, so that the non-combatants could withdraw. Mr. de Savigny protested against the bombardment, which nevertheless, was carried out.

The Madrid troops were under command of General Lara, with General Chavarria and General Porto Carreiro, supporting him. The troops are said to have numbered about 5,000.

Subsequently the attack upon the city was abandoned, but it is likely to be resumed at any moment. It is said several hundred of the insurgents of the damage done, has not been ascertained.

Situation Tense.
The situation in Managua is tense and no one can say what is likely to happen in the next few days, particularly in event of the government forces failing to defeat the rebels here. To add to the serious aspect of affairs at the capital, it is known that hundreds here are ready to side with General Estrada and the other revolutionary leaders at the moment their success is assured.

Captain Constantino Saenz, who was in command of the firing squad at the execution of the two American, Greece and Cannon, was shot to death in the streets today, by a Nicaraguan soldier.

A large number of additional political arrests have been made. Among the new prisoners is Alfonso Solorano, who was the Mexican vice-consul here and who, yesterday, was removed from that post.

Vice Consul Henry Caldera, has received a telegram from Consul Agent de Savigny at Matagalpa, transmitting the following letter from General Chamorro:

"You know of the battles fought in the last few days by my command in Sagal and San Ramon and the taking by my troops of Matagalpa and Jitotega and also the six hours battle of the elevation, in which no match previous blood was shed on both sides. Being desirous to stop further bloodshed, I authorize you to convey to Madrid my readiness to reopen peace negotiations. If he accept, notify me, and I will notify General Estrada."

So far, the only comment President Madrid made in this message was that de Savigny was active in behalf of Chamorro. Rear Admiral Kimball has notified the belligerents on both sides that they will be held responsible for the persons and property of neutrals in Matagalpa.

The American consul at Managua, Jose Olivares, after riding all night arrived today at Matagalpa, 32 miles from Matagalpa. The consul is accompanying a courier who came here recently and appealed to him to prevent the destruction of American property. Mr. Olivares at once decided to investigate the conditions for himself.

BANNER YEAR FOR NOVA SCOTIA STEEL
Special to The Standard.
Montreal, Feb. 14.—At a meeting of the directors of the Nova Scotia Steel Company held here this afternoon, the general manager's report for the past year was submitted and showed that the volume of business for the past year had been the largest in the history of the company. The profits for the year amounted to \$907,949, as compared with \$774,791 for the previous year, an increase of \$133,157. The balance carried forward to profit and loss account was \$536,807. The sum of \$184,453 for premiums and commission on redemption of old and new issue of bonds was paid out of the profits of the year. The cash in the bank now amounts to \$297,623. No appointments were made to fill the vacancies on the board of directors.

PARDON CAME TOO LATE FOR CONVICT
Moncton, N. B., Feb. 14.—Luggin de Palma, an Italian convict at Dorchester, died yesterday of consumption. He had been employed on the Grand Trunk and had been sentenced to three years at Chipman, Queens county, for robbery. The deceased had served seventeen months of his term, receiving a full pardon from Ottawa the day before death.

CHURCHILL HAS SUCCEEDED TO HOWE OFFICE

Steps Into Herbert Gladstone's Shoes in British Cabinet

London, Feb. 14.—The following cabinet appointments were announced tonight:—
Secretary for the Home Department—Winston Spencer Churchill.
President of the Board of Trade—Sydney Buxton.
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster—J. A. Pease.
Postmaster-General—Herbert Louis Samuel.
J. A. Pease, who was the chief Liberal whip, was defeated at the general election, but it is expected that a safe seat will be found for him in Lancashire. Herbert Louis Samuel is under-secretary of state for the home office.

DR. PUGSLEY SETS THE STANDARD RIGHT

Made No Suggestion Regarding a Modification of the Existing Scheme for the Operation of The Valley Ry.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 14.—I am in receipt of the following telegram from Hon. Mr. Pugsley and would ask you to publish same in your columns. I may add that his version is entirely correct. There was no suggestion that there should be a variation of the terms proposed by Mr. Hanes for operation by intercolonial.
(Signed) C. FRED CHESTNUT.
Feb. 14th, 1910, Ottawa, Ont.
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Am surprised to observe in Standard an Ottawa despatch and editorial based upon the idea that I had suggested to you a modification in the scheme for operation of Saint John Valley road by intercolonial. Kindly take necessary steps to correct this error. You will, I am sure agree that I never suggested a thing but my statement to you that I was informed of the experienced railway men were prepared to take up the enterprise meant simply that they would take over the Saint John Valley Company and build the road to specified standard for the guaranteed bonds and Dominion subsidy leaving the matter of operation by the intercolonial just as proposed by Premier Hanes.
(Signed) WILLIAM PUGSLEY.

BODY OF FARMER FOUND BY ROADSIDE
Moncton, N. B., Feb. 14.—The dead body of Archibald MacDonald, farmer, aged 64, was found Saturday on the roadside near his home in West Galway, Kent county. He had been in hexton on business and it is supposed that he died of a heart attack while walking brought on heart failure.

The body was scarcely cold when found. Mr. MacDonald was a native of Prince Edward Island. He leaves a widow and step-daughter.

DANDURAND REFUSES PROFFERED PORTFOLIO
Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 14.—It is understood that Hon. Raoul Dandurand, former speaker of the Senate has refused to accept the portfolio of Marine and Fisheries which will include control of the Canadian Navy. The government has still hopes that he may alter his decision.

Hon. L. P. Brodeur is much better today. He hopes to go south next week.

DISAPPOINTED IN LOVE STUDENT SUICIDES
Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Alvin McLean, aged 25, graduate of Toronto University, a science student of 1897, committed suicide here this afternoon. He belonged to Hensall, Ont. The victim came here about three weeks ago and took a room on O'Connor St. He began work at the Dominion Observatory, but not as an employee of the government, his purpose evidently being to study for an examination. He was not very communicative, however, but little of him is known.

GOLDWIN SMITH IS REPORTED AS IMPROVED
Toronto, Feb. 14.—Professor Goldwin Smith passed a very comfortable night and today was bright and cheerful. While the fractured bone is slow in commencing to knit, the medical attendants are sanguine of the distinguished journalist's final recovery.

DEEPER PROBE MAY FOLLOW

Democrats Move For Searching Inquiry Into Ways Of New York Legislature—Resolution Held Up.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 14.—The first actual step toward widening the scope of the investigation of legislative corruption now under way in the senate, was taken tonight by a Democrat, Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, former lieutenant governor and now assemblyman from Dutchess County. Mr. Chanler introduced a resolution calling for a "full and complete investigation" and asked for its immediate consideration. Mr. Merritt, majority floor leader, promptly objected, and under the rules, consideration of the measure was postponed until next Monday night.

Mr. Chanler explained that his measure did not contemplate a general boundless investigation, but was intended to express the sense of the assembly that the senate should "go the limit" in its present inquiry into Senator Conger's charges. Mr. Chanler's resolution follows:

"Whereas, in the investigation now being conducted by the senate relative to the charges preferred by Senator Conger, a sinister reflection has been made on the character and integrity of members of the assembly for the years 1901 to 1903, inclusive, and

"Whereas, it has been admitted of record that a fund was raised at that time for the purpose of corruptly influencing legislation, and

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"Resolved, That it is the sense of the assembly that a full and complete investigation be had in justice to the dignity of this body and the integrity of the members and to the end that the imputation of dishonesty, if unwarranted, be removed, if well founded, that the guilty be punished."

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PRESIDENT CHESTNUT AND PREMIER CONFERENCE
Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 14.—President Chestnut of the St. John Valley Railway Company had a conference with Premier Hanes this afternoon. Both as to what transpired, nothing was given out.

Clerk McCready, secretary of the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities left tonight for Campbellton to prepare for the opening of the annual convention on Wednesday.

Tomorrow night Mayor Chestnut and other delegates will leave here along with the delegates from York County, six in number.

The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. of U. N. B. entertained at an at home at the University buildings tonight, there being special features in connection with St. Valentine's Day.

PUGSLEY FAILS TO GLOBE PRK

O. S. Crockett, M. P., Establishes Fact Of Wharf Being Still The Property Of Albert Mfg. Company.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—When the House opened today Mr. Crockett had another round with Mr. Pugsley on the subject of the Pink Rock wharf and got in a correction. The Toronto Globe in reporting the incident of last Friday said that Mr. Pugsley had confuted Mr. Crockett by producing a document which showed that the wharf in question had been acquired by the Crown. Rising on a question of privilege Mr. Crockett asserted that the wharf is still the property of the Albert Mfg. Co.

Sham Agreement.
Mr. Pugsley tried to shut Mr. Crockett off, but the member for York kept on. The title, he said, is still vested in the Albert Mfg. Co., it is subject only to an agreement whereby the company agrees to grant to the Government a quarter of a century, has been wharf and to allow it to charge tolls on all vessels not belonging to the company. It was a sham agreement.

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FRED WEADOWS THE WINNER
New York, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Fred Meadows of Toronto, won tonight in one of the greatest indoor professional running races ever seen in this country. His time, 1 hour, 21 minutes, 24 1/2 seconds, however, is 9 1/2 seconds behind his own world's record, made last week at Toronto. He was never pressed.

The starters were:—
Hans Holmer, Halifax, Fred Meadows, Guelph, Ont., Paul Accose, Grenfell, Sask., Jim Crowley, New York, Gustave Ljungstrom, Sweden, Percy Sellen, Toronto and Charles Hunter, New York.

Meadows established himself as champion of the world at his own distance. Ljungstrom, who pressed him hard at Toronto, finished second again, but never was in the running with Meadows who took the lead at the outset. Accose, the Indian, finished a poor third, two laps behind Crowley, fourth, who in turn finished 2 1/2 laps behind Sellen, third. Meadows was two laps to the good at the finish, or his time might have been better.

ARCTIC CLUB HAS NOT SHOT FOR MR. PEARY

Pole Hunter Mercilessly Arraigned By Captain Osborn In Letter To State Department—Action Applauded.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Denouncing Robert E. Peary, the Polar explorer as a "selfish egotist" and a "braggart," Captain B. S. Osborn, secretary of the Arctic Club of America, has written a letter to the sub-committee of the naval committee, approving of the latter's action in voting down the proposition to make Peary a rear-admiral. The committee has received a large number of letters, some containing and some approving of its action. Captain Osborn says in his letter:—

Heartiest Commendation.
"The action of the sub-committee on naval affairs in the matter of Civil Engineer Robert E. Peary—not Peary for that is an assumed name, deserves the heartiest commendation of every American citizen who values justice and respects the United States navy."

"To have given this selfish egotist, this braggart, the rank of rear-admiral, would have been a foul blot on the records of congress and an insult to the navy of the United States. It would have disgusted millions of our citizens who have no confidence in this alleged pole-hunter and Arctic fur trader and story teller, who, for nearly a quarter of a century, has been living off the people and sailing under a naval rank to which he had no legal right and for which he should have been severely reprimanded by the Navy Department long ago."

Another letter from Portland, Maine, the home of Mr. Peary, written by an executive officer in the naval reserve of that state says:—

"It should be gratifying to all thinking citizens that there is a group of men in Washington who, while ready to be generous and to recognize the distinguished achievement of Mr. Peary, refused to be actuated or influenced by fanatical sentimentalism."

Another letter from Boston, attacks the committee for its course and says: "Your amazing statements about Lt. Peary seem incomprehensible. All nations are waiting on the United States for its course and saying: 'Honors on Peary, Hershel was knighted for finding Uranus, a thousand million miles farther away from the North Pole and many the same times more useless' say your code."

Mr. Stanfield.
Mr. Stanfield had the contract for copper roofing the Pictou station in 1909. The contract was for \$1500, the contractor supplying the material. D. H. Waterbury inspected it.

Mr. J. D. Taylor elicited the following information.
Q—Is it intended that the regulations adopted by the International Fishery Commission shall become effective on the part of the Canadian Government on the part of this Parliament?
A—Parliament will be asked to pass legislation to effect these regulations.

Q—Has there been any undertaking on the part of the Canadian Government to maintain supplementary regulations with respect to fisheries in Canadian waters adjoining the international waters governed by the treaty?
A—What is the undertaking?
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JAMES LAWLOR AT CHATHAM YESTERDAY
Chatham, N. B., Feb. 14.—James Lawlor, secretary of the Dominion Forestry Association, addressed a crowded meeting in the Natural History Association's hall, here this evening, speaking on forest preservation and conservation. His lecture was illustrated with slides and proved very interesting and instructive.

He remarked that the public duty in the matter was to aid the government that brought in good forestry laws and to develop public conscience so that wild destruction of forests by fires or other means would be eliminated.

A vote of thanks was moved by Dr. Baxter, who said it was not for the forests Canada would soon be another black hole of Calcutta as leaves greedily eat up carbonic acid and give us oxygen. W. B. Snowball said in seconding this motion that conservation should apply to farms as well as to forests and one generation should leave both in as good condition as it received by them. As an instance of how forest products and products were being conserved he stated that J. B. Miller, manager of the Folsom Iron Works, Toronto, had patented a process whereby sawdust could be turned into palatable food for horses and cattle.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MIDDLE SACKVILLE MAN
Special to The Standard.
Sackville, N. B., Feb. 14.—Mr. Jas. R. Ayer, founder and for some time manager of the Standard Manufacturing Company of Middle Sackville, dropped dead at his home at Middle Sackville this morning. Death came without any warning and it is said to have been due to heart failure. He had been at work at his office during the morning and in returning home and while crossing the yard, he fell to the ground and was soon past all aid.

Mr. Ayer was very widely known throughout the Maritime Provinces. He was a Conservative in politics and was prominent commercially through-out New Brunswick. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Ogden and by five children. Mrs. Aubrey C. Smith, Mrs. Fred G. Rainald, Misses Marjorie and Doris and Master Ames. He leaves two brothers, Dr. Nehemiah Ayer of Petticoat and Mr. Stephen Ayer of Sackville.

50 POLICEMEN HELD AT BAY

Mystery Of CHAZY WRECK CLEARED NOW

Late Survivor Of Great Disaster Recovers Sufficiently To Tell His Story—Steamer Blown To Pieces.

Ciudadela, Balearic Islands, Feb. 14.—Marcel Rodet, the sole survivor of the steamer General Chanzy, which was wrecked Thursday on a reef off the island of Minorca, told a thrilling narrative prior to his departure for France this evening, of the terrible experiences of the steamer and those on board.

"When the Chanzy left Marseilles she encountered a rough sea and a northerly gale. The passengers were not apprehensive, however, and all retired on the night of the 14th in good spirits. At five o'clock the next morning I was awakened by a splitting crash, as if the ship's flank had been torn on a ledge. I dressed partially and rushed out of the cabin. Sailors were trying to reassure the passengers, but their words had no effect on the crowd of men and women many of whom were dragging children.

"The darkness added terror to the frightful scene. Enormous seas were breaking over the steamer. One sea tipped off a railing to which a score of women and children were clinging. Their shrieks as they disappeared were drowned by the roar of the storm.

"I saw that it was death to remain, and being an excellent swimmer, I allowed myself to be carried off by the next wave. At the moment the sea swept me shoreward, the air was rent by a violent explosion, the wreckage shooting over my head. I turned to look, but the General Chanzy had disappeared. The horrible confusion was soon ended and the cries silenced the heaving storm alone remained. Evidently I lost consciousness for I remembered no more until I came to on the rocks."

Rodet took refuge in a grotto at the base of a high cliff, where he remained a day and night. With the wreckage he built barricades to keep off the sea, and appeased his hunger with raw potatoes which had been cast into the cavern.

On the morning of the 11th, he scaled the cliff and wearily dragged himself to the nearest habitation.

The recovered bodies continue and they are buried as soon as they are photographed for identification.

MUCH INTEREST IN FORESTRY CONVENTION
Fredericton, Feb. 14.—Matters are rapidly progressing in regard to the Canadian Forestry Association convention at Fredericton on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 23rd and 24th. Among those who are expected to attend in addition to the president, Mr. Thomas Southworth, of Toronto, and the vice-president, Hon. Senator Edwards, the well known lumberman of Ottawa, are Hon. Clifford Sifton, chairman of the newly organized conservation commission, Hon. Jules Allard, Minister of Lands and Forests of Quebec; Hon. Chas. E. Oak of Bangor, Maine, and Chatham, N. B., and Hon. J. P. Burdick, of Nelson, N. B., well known timber limit owners; Chancellor C. C. Jones, of the University of New Brunswick, which has established a forestry course; Dr. E. E. Fernow, lately head of Cornell forest school and now dean of the faculty of forestry, Toronto University; Mr. W. B. Snowball, of Chatham, N. B.; Mr. H. W. Woods, M. P., Welford, N. B.; Mr. F. C. Whitman, Annapolis Royal, N. S., all well known lumbermen; Mr. W. C. J. Hall, superintendent of the bureau of forestry, Quebec; Prof. E. J. Zavitz, professor of forestry in the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont.; Mr. Ellwood Wilson, forester of the Laurentide Pulp Co., Grand Mere, Que.; Mr. G. Y. Chow, of Queens University, Kingston; Mr. W. R. Brown, secretary of the forestry commission of New Hampshire; Prof. R. B. Miller, professor of forestry, University of New Brunswick; Mr. James Beveridge, paper manufacturer, Chatham, N. B., etc. This list indicates that all subjects related to forestry will be fully covered.

The proceedings will be opened by Lieutenant Governor Tweedie in the legislative chamber on Wednesday morning and there will be addresses of welcome by the premier, leader of the Opposition, the surveyor general, etc. On Wednesday evening the Lieutenant Governor and council will hold a reception for the delegates. The secretary, Mr. James Lawlor, has arrived in the province and will make his headquarters at Fredericton until after the convention going out on shirt trips to the different points to deliver illustrated lectures on Canada's Forest Problems. A great deal of interest is being aroused and a most successful convention is anticipated.

Toronto Negro After Killing Three Defends His Own Life Against All Comers.
Toronto, Ont., Feb. 14.—Dead, Mrs. Victoria Davis, aged 55; Mrs. Matilda Withers, her daughter, aged 35; William Withers, 40 years old. Wounded, Policeman Morris.

After having shot to death his wife and mother-in-law, William Withers, a negro, successfully defended for three hours this afternoon a brick house at 27 Elliot street, against about 50 members of the Toronto police force armed with revolvers and shot guns, after which he ended the siege by putting a bullet into his own head.

Three Hour Battle Ended With Suicide of Principal --- One Policeman Wounded.
The first intimation of the affair was conveyed to Policeman Creighton the policeman on the beat, by a boy, who heard the shots. The constable rushed to the house and tried to get in, but found all the doors locked. Reinforced by two more constables he broke through a window at the rear and entered. At the foot of the front stairs they found the dead body of Mrs. Withers with a bullet hole in her head. Withers with a bullet hole in her head, who was upstairs, one of which struck Morris in the left leg above the knee. On the threat of Withers to shoot again if they did not get out the constables who were unarmed, assisted Morris with all possible haste out by the way they had entered. Morris was taken to the general hospital while word was sent for further reinforcements.

House Re-entered.
Detectives Twigg, Guthrie and Murray were the first to arrive from headquarters. They re-entered the broken window at the back, opened the front door and carried out the body of Mrs. Withers. In the meantime other policemen had arrived from Nos. 4 and 8 stations and the remainder of the detective staff. The crowd on the street had grown to tremendous proportions. The siege there began with the man they were after on the first floor above the ground. The policemen had undisputed possession of the ground floor. Immediately any of them attempted to gain the next flat, shots rang out and bullets whistled through their heads. The house and the streets were filled with detectives and policemen all armed and watching the windows. A rapid interchange of shots invariably followed and the crowd below was driven to cover in one of the rooms. The fusillade of shots from outside evidently became too much for the men on the first floor and they were forced to retreat to the top floor which could be approached only by one extremely narrow staircase. The detectives then took possession of the second floor and there four Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Withers mother, lying on the floor with several bullet wounds in her head and breast. She was carried to the hospital. The man who was shot to death by Withers on one of the windows upon which something approaching a panic was caused among the crowd which scattered apart with wonderful rapidity, leaving a clearance right across the street for some distance in either direction.

With Shot Guns.
In the meantime Inspector Duncan and Detectives Moffat, Sackett, Armstrong and Archibald had armed themselves with shot guns and a constant fusillade was kept up for a matter of half an hour, their object being to keep the negro from shooting in the windows for he could easily have created disastrous havoc among the crowd below had he dared to expose himself.

Several attempts by those within to gain the third story were met and repelled by shots in rapid succession. On one occasion Inspector Miller of No. 8 division attempted to ascend followed by Detective Young. Shots rang out and bullets lodged in the wall not six inches from his head, making a hasty descent he stumbled and fell on top of Young, who feared for a moment that the inspector had been killed. Withers then adopted new tactics since he dared not expose himself to take proper aim at his enemies, he began firing through the floor at them and forced them to seek fresh quarters.

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With the idea of smoking him out the police then procured some sulphuric acid and salt, which they mixed at the foot of the stairs in two pails. The fumes arose in great quantities but did not have the desired effect, owing presumably to the fact of all the windows being open. In fact the police themselves were nearly suffocated and that scheme had to be abandoned.

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Detectives Twigg, Guthrie and Murray were the first to arrive from headquarters. They re-entered the broken window at the back, opened the front door and carried out the body of Mrs. Withers. In the meantime other policemen had arrived from Nos. 4 and 8 stations and the remainder of the detective staff. The crowd on the street had grown to tremendous proportions. The siege there began with the man they were after on the first floor above the ground. The policemen had undisputed possession of the ground floor. Immediately any of them attempted to gain the next flat, shots rang out and bullets whistled through their heads. The house and the streets were filled with detectives and policemen all armed and watching the windows. A rapid interchange of shots invariably followed and the crowd below was driven to cover in one of the rooms. The fusillade of shots from outside evidently became too much for the men on the first floor and they were forced to retreat to the top floor which could be approached only by one extremely narrow staircase. The detectives then took possession of the second floor and there four Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Withers mother, lying on the floor with several bullet wounds in her head and breast. She was carried to the hospital. The man who was shot to death by Withers on one of the windows upon which something approaching a panic was caused among the crowd which scattered apart with wonderful rapidity, leaving a clearance right across the street for some distance in either direction.

With Shot Guns.
In the meantime Inspector Duncan and Detectives Moffat, Sackett, Armstrong and Archibald had armed themselves with shot guns and a constant fusillade was kept up for a matter of half an hour, their object being to keep the negro from shooting in the windows for he could easily have created disastrous havoc among the crowd below had he dared to expose himself.

Several attempts by those within to gain the third story were met and repelled by shots in rapid succession. On one occasion Inspector Miller of No. 8 division attempted to ascend followed by Detective Young. Shots rang out and bullets lodged in the wall not six inches from his head, making a hasty descent he stumbled and fell on top of Young, who feared for a moment that the inspector had been killed. Withers then adopted new tactics since he dared not expose himself to take proper aim at his enemies, he began firing through the floor at them and forced them to seek fresh quarters.

Sulphuric Acid.
With the idea of smoking him out the police then procured some sulphuric acid and salt, which they mixed